

NIOBRARA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING  
NIOBRARA COUNTY, WYOMING  
May 2, 2017

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The Niobrara County Commissioners' meeting was called to order on this date at 9:00 a.m. with Chairman Richard A. Ladwig, Commissioners Patrick H. Wade, John Midkiff and County Clerk Becky L. Freeman, present.

Road & Bridge- Fred Thomas, Road and Bridge Foreman met with the Commissioners and discussed county business. Also in attendance were Lee Brown and Cally Lund, County Attorney.

Lee met with the Commissioners, Fred and Cally to inquire if the county was still interested in funding the bond for the expansion of his pit or if it was legal to so. Currently, the county uses material from the Brown pit at no cost. Cally said she would draft an MOU spelling out the terms of the agreement and submit it to all parties involved for their review and comments.

Fred said he had a conversation with a representative from Vermillion Energy who said that they would be using Grizzly Services to keep a blade on Cheyenne River Road, mainly on the north end, to help maintain the road.

Next, he updated them on the status of the Lance Creek Bridge Replacement Project. He said the contractors will be pouring the deck for the bridge on Thursday. They will wait a week and pour the curbs and let that cure. They are hoping to have the bridge done by the end of May.

Fred then discussed stockpiling gravel. He said that Mobile Concrete would hold the current price of gravel for us if we want more, however, the price will increase after the first of the year.

Pat suggested getting gravel from pits up North so that the trucking cost isn't so high, but Fred said that there isn't that much material up there. He said that they could do a few roads but not all the way to Redbird Road.

Lee said that a new permit doesn't have to be contiguous to the existing permit and his expansion will be five acres.

The group discussed using the Thomson Pit, but the material is so large it probably won't go through Hout Fencing's crusher.

Fred said that Hout is done with the road project, but there was some confusion with signage. Fred told them he just wants markers installed on the sides by the headwalls instead of the signs suggested in the plan.

County Attorney- Cally Lund, County Attorney, discussed county business.

Richard said that he had received a tentative approval on the EDA Housing and Planning Grant.

Cally said that the Attorney General's office is most likely taking over the Mellott appeal.

The group discussed the abandoned vehicle lot and Cally said that anything tied to a criminal case should be stored in the County lot.

Executive Session- Pat moved to enter into Executive Session at 9:40 a.m. with Cally, to discuss potential litigation. John seconded, motion carried.

Pat moved to reconvene the regular session at 9:47 a.m. John seconded, motion carried. No action was taken.

The group discussed the Contract for the Long Term Recovery Manager.

Elected Officials & Dept. Heads-

Rick L. Zerbe, Sheriff, discussed the Wyoming Women's Center contract. He said they have approached him again and want him to house approximately eight people for an unknown period of time. Rick said that the medical issue was what is holding up the original contract. He said that his office will transport the WWC inmates the County is housing to the WWC when that doctor is there and that should alleviate the medical cost concern. Rick said he would have room to house the additional eight.

Denise E. Smith, Extension Educator, discussed Extension and 4-H business. She said that Kelli Chichester obtained a grant to purchase bees. They have two hives and there are two individuals taking bee handling courses.

Teri Stephens, Assessor, said that her office is in the last week of tax appeals. She also discussed the ESRI agreement and that the terms are remaining the same as last year. She will present it at the next meeting.

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Keri Thompson, Treasurer discussed receipting of tax payments. She said that about 85% of taxes have been collected and that they are busy issuing license plates.

Kayla Courtright, Clerk of District Court, said that she is having issues with the WY User program in her office which is preventing her from printing some things.

James Santistevan, Emergency Management Coordinator, discussed an IPAUSE training, which will be held Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. at the dispatch center. He is trying to get the certification so that the system can be used in emergencies to notify the public.

He also discussed eclipse and a weather spotting class.

Pat suggested that perhaps there should be an LEPC meeting held in July prior to the eclipse, to get everything finalized and James agreed.

Court Security- Judge Brooks, Kayla Courtright, Clerk of District Court, Dennis Meier, Circuit Court Magistrate and Kelly Dean, Sheriff's Office, met with the Commissioners and discussed the court security funding.

Judge Brooks said there is some money remaining and perhaps some of it could be used to modify the barrier in the courtroom between the litigants and the public so they aren't so close to one another. They also discussed ALICE training and modifications to the Magistrate's office to make it safer.

Kelly discussed installing security cameras in the courthouse and including a PA system. Dennis said he would like cameras in his office like those in the Clerk of Court's office.

Judge asked Dennis about an evacuation plan and Dennis said that he needs to have drawings of the courthouse to make a plan. Becky said she has the original blueprints of the courthouse which could be used to aid in the plan.

Dennis talked about some of his concerns with some of the court security measures currently in place.

Judge urged us to have cameras installed and move the barrier were people sit.

Consent Agenda-Pat moved to approve the consent agenda. John seconded, motion carried. Items included on the consent agenda were the minutes of the April 18, 2017 meeting and receipts for the month of April from the County Clerk for \$3,841.25 and from the Sheriff for \$830.00.

Pat discussed the land use plan. He said that Lisa Shaw told him she has a tentative confirmation from her board to begin work on this.

Commissioners' Scholarships- The Commissioners received nine applications and awarded three scholarships. The recipients are Alexis Martinez, Timothy Ross and Elise Myer.

Payroll and the following vouchers were approved for payment: 71.92 A T & T; 221.92 Absolute Solutions; 6577.90 Aflac Insurance; 111.39 Allbright's True Value Hardware; 309.90 AlSCO; 672.20 BenchMark of Torrington P.C.; 97.00 Benzel Pest Control, Inc.; 784.40 Birch Communications; 852.47 Black Hills Chemical & Janitorial; 1117.24 Black Hills Energy; 6272.00 Boldon Diesel Service, LLC.; 1440.00 Boldon Welding & Repair, LLC.; 500.00 Cally Lund; 380.00 Canon Financial Services, Inc.; 220.00 Cathcart Fire & Safety; 1651.15 Century Link; 90.08 Century Link Business Services; 996.00 Chantry Filener; 136.00 Connecting Point Computer Centers; 391.50 Decker's Foods; 1215.45 Delta Dental of Wyoming; 69.55 Denise E. Smith; 1000.00 Dennis C. Meier; 3077.02 Dept. Of Health; 4262.34 Dept. of Workforce Services; 2660.00 Ed Buchanan; 298.50 Federal Safety Compliance; 910.72 Frank Parts Company; 1300.00 Geographic Innovations; 1485.00 Goshen County Detention Center; 14690.00 Great-West Trust Company, LLC.; 407.50 GreatAmerica Financial Svcs.;


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68.70 Heartland Embroidery, Inc.; 798.88 Hiway Brake & Alignment; 6732.00  
Hout Fencing Of Wyoming, Inc.; 23.43 Kelli Chichester; 323.88 Kelly Dean;  
1958.78 Lusk Herald; 45.00 Lusk Mini Storage; 1197.00 MailFinance; 500.00  
Monika D. Davies; 295.00 Natrona County Legal Dept.; 100.30  
Niobrara Co. Sheriff's Office; 240.00 Niobrara County Assessor; 14198.29  
Niobrara County Hospital District; 1725.00 Niobrara County Library; 41.80  
Niobrara Electric Association; 6137.09 Office of the State Public Defender;  
12.00 Peter W. Pier; 480.54 Plainsman Printing & Supply; 166.76  
Pre Resources Rockies, L.P.; 6800.00 Proper Care, LLC.; 270.31  
Provident Life & Accident Insurance Co.; 109.20 Rancher's Feed & Supply, Inc.;  
148.08 Rawhide Drug Company; 432.43 Sally Myer; 1500.00 Solutions For Life;  
90.00 Stephens-Peck, Inc.; 9109.28 Team Laboratory Chemical Corp.; 645.34  
The Master's Touch, LLC.; 231.00 Torrington Beverage, Inc.; 993.03  
Torrington Office Supply; 4869.03 Town House Motel, LLC.; 2437.27  
Town Of Lusk; 82.69 Tyler Technologies; 1793.00 Ultramax Ammunition; 1011.58  
Valley Motor Supply; 1257.84 Valley Plumbing & Heating; 678.53  
Verizon Wireless; 2684.14 Visa; 485.25 Vision Service Plan - (Wy); 443.04  
Visionary Communications, Inc.; 791.33 WALT'S LATHE & MACHINE; 3055.76 Westco;  
2318.86 Whitaker Oil D/B/A Outpost Truck Stop; 11.85  
WY Enterprise Technology Services; 30.00 Wyoming County Treasurer's Assoc.;  
26423.22 Wyoming Dept. Of Transportation; 742.50  
Wyoming Law Enforcement Academy; 96.67 Wyoming Machinery Company; 280.00  
Wyoming Network, Inc.; 160.00 Wyoming Signs, LLC.; 1656.00  
Wyoming Women's Center; 135.84 Xerox Corporation;  
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: 161,086.67

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

NIOBRARA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

  
Richard A. Ladwig, Chairman

Attest:

  
Becky L. Freeman, Clerk